

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Hans-Jürgen HANNIG et al.

Examiner: Ernesto Garcia

Application Ser. No.: 10/019,195

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For: PANEL AND PANEL FASTENING SYSTEM

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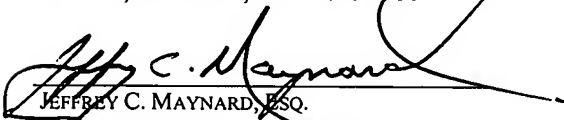
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Honorable Commissioner:

This amendment is being timely submitted in response to the Examiner's official action mailed 01/03/2007; the time for a response having been extended. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). A check for the appropriate fees is submitted herewith. Please consider the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, as noted on the pages that follow.

On page 8--amend the seventh paragraph.

On page 9--amend the fifth paragraph.

On page 9--amend the seventh paragraph.

On page 11--amend the second and third full paragraphs and the paragraph that carries over to page 12.

On page 12--amend the first three full paragraphs.

On page 13--amend the one full paragraph.

On page 18--amend the paragraph that carries over to page 19.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3, 8, and 31, and add new claims 33-44, as noted on the pages that follow.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

An abstract on a separate sheet is submitted herewith.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please replace the drawings for Figures 1-5, 5.1, and 13 with the replacement drawings for the same figures. Applicants submit for consideration the accompanying replacement drawing sheets that have been amended to clarify features described in the specification and as suggested by the Examiner. Marked-up drawings are provided for the convenience of the Examiner to highlight the changes. Applicants respectfully request consideration and authorization by the Examiner to replace the drawings.